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Biography

Alan D. Viard is a senior fellow emeritus at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), where he studies federal tax and budget policy.

Prior to joining AEI, Viard was a senior economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas and an assistant professor of economics at Ohio State University. He has also been a visiting scholar at the US Department of the Treasury's Office of Tax Analysis, a senior economist at the White House's Council of Economic Advisers, and a staff economist at the Joint Committee on Taxation of the US Congress. While at AEI, Viard has taught public finance at Georgetown University's Public Policy Institute. He also cohosted the New York University Law School tax policy colloquium in the spring 2015 semester. Earlier in his career, Viard spent time in Japan as a visiting scholar at Osaka University's Institute of Social and Economic Research.

A prolific writer, Viard is a frequent contributor to AEI's "On the Margin" column in Tax Notes and was nominated for Tax Notes's 2009 Tax Person of the Year. He has also testified before Congress, and his work has been featured in a wide range of publications, including Room for Debate in The New York Times, TheAtlantic.com, Bloomberg, NPR's Planet Money, and The Hill. Viard is the coauthor of "Progressive Consumption Taxation: The X Tax Revisited" (2012) and "The Real Tax Burden: Beyond Dollars and Cents" (2011), and the editor of "Tax Policy Lessons from the 2000s" (2009). Viard received his Ph.D. in economics from Harvard University and a B.A. in economics from Yale University. He also completed the first year of the J.D. program at the University of Chicago Law School, where he qualified for law review and was awarded the Joseph Henry Beale prize for legal research and writing.